IMPROVEMENTS COUNCIL. Practically No Public Improvement Can Se Taken Without its Assent—The First Thing tt's After to Mass and the Next Reports

on the Water Supply to Every Borough The first meeting of the Board of Public Improvements was held in the Mayor's private office yesterday afternoon. President Holahan presided, and every member answered to the roll call except the Mayor and the Presidents of the boroughs of Brooklyn and Richmond. Those present were Comptroller Coler, Corporation Counsel Whalen, John L. Shea, the Commis-sioner of Bridges; William Dalton, the Commissioner of Water Supply; James P. Keating, the Commissioner of Highways; James McCartney, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning; Henry S. Kearney, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supply; James Kane, Commis signer of Sewers: President A. W. Peters of the borough of Manhattan, President Bowley of the borough of Queens, and President Haffen of the borough of the Bronx.

President Maurice F. Holahan announced that the board had a great task before it, and that it would be necessary to have maps of all the districts embraced in the consolidation before any actual progress could be made. He said it would also be necessary to ascertain the exact status of the various water supplies for the city.

Commissioner Dalton said that he had sent out letters to all his deputies requesting from each a statement concerning the condition of the water supply in his borough, and that he expected to have the information in a very short

Speaking for the Bronx, President Haffen explained the various acts under which the surveys of that district had been undertaken. He said the maps of the borough were practically completed except in the territory east of the Bronx, of which there is about 14,000 acres. The engineering corps formerly employed by him on this work in his capacity as Commissioner of Street Improvements in the Twenty third and Twenty-fourth wards was still at work, he said, and he gave it as his opinion that it was a natural inheritance of the Board of Public Improvements.

President Holahan demurred to this proposition. He said he thought the engineers ought to be apportioned among the various departments having to do with public works. This raised the question of jurisdiction, and Comner Shea moved that the Corporation Counsel be asked for an opinion defining the exact jurisdiction of the departments of Bridges, Sewers, Water Supply, and Highways. He said that the question had been raised in his department whether or not the Commissioner of Bridges had control over viaducts. The motion was carried. The President then announced the appointment of Commissioner Shea as Vice-President, and the board went into executive sealor.

resilent, and the session.

The Board of Public Improvements is one of the most important bodies in the new g vernment. Practically no public work or improvement can be undertaken without its assent. The President receives a salary of \$8,000 a year and he is a member of the Board of Revision of Assessments.

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Carl Jussen.
Chief Dale, who was the Chief of the Brooklyn Fire Department, was yesterday appointed a Deputy Chief in charge of the departments of the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.
Deputy Corporation Counsel Jenks of Brooklyn announced yesterd y the appointment of his assistants as follows: William J. Carr, Percy R. Chittendeu, Richard B. Greenwood, Jr., ex-Judge John Walsh, William Walsh, Jerome W. Coombs, Michael E. Finnegan, Daniel D. Whitney, Jr., and William C. Courtney. This is the clerical staff of the office: Samuel K. Probasco, chief clerk; Charles R. Hartmann, confidential clerk, and Martin Flanigan, Charles J. Druhan, A. J. Conway, Peter P. Smith, and Joseph H. Gardiner, Jr., law clerks.
R. T. Wilson, Jr., appointed a Commissioner of Municipal Statistics, went to the City Hall yesterday and was aworn in. Harry Payne Whitney, who was appointed a member of the same commission, has not yet taken the oath of office. The Commissioner seceive no salary.

HATS OFF IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. Police Board's President Runs Against the New Rule.

A man entered the Mayor's office yesterday and stood about wearing his high hat. 'Tell that man to remove his hat," said the Mayor to Messenger Scully. The latter obeyed, and the hat came off in a jiffy.

A little later President York of the Police Board, who stood talking to one of the Mayor's callers near Secretary Downes's desk, put on his hat absent-mindedly. The Mayor frowned. Scully immediately sailed across the room.

"Take off your hat, sir," he said to the President of the Police Board. Mr. York apologized and uncovered.

MAYOR SHARP WITH SCHOOL BOARD Tells Them He Will Remove Them if He Can. and Heartily Hopes He Cau.

Mayor Van Wyck got to his office at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning, and, not long after. gave a lively talking to to President Hubbell of the Board of Education and School Commissioner Taft, who came to sound him as to the standing of the Board of Education with the new administration. If they went away unenlightened it was not because Mayor Van Wyck did not speak plainly. Among other things he told his callers that they were interfering in his business, and that he would certainly remove all the present members of the Board of Educa

tion if he found that he had the power. President Hubbell told the Mayor that the object of the call was to find out whether or not he would agree to confer with a committee of three from the Board of Education concerning the advisability of laying the question of the Mayor's power of removal before the courts, so that the matter could be settled at once.

"I won't meet your committee," said the Mayor, decidedly, and, what is more, I won't tolerate any interference from you."

Mr. Hubbell next asked about city superintendents and borough superintendents and their assistants. Members of the Board of Education had heart, he said, that the Mayor was going to make certain appointments.

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"Do you believe all you read in the newspa-pers!" asked the Mayor.
"No," replied Mr. Hubbell.
"Well, I won't tell you what I am going to

do," said the Mayor. "When I get ready I intend to make these appointments, and I am not golog to ask your advice in the matter."

Then the Mayor tackled Mr. Hubbell about the appointments which the Board of Education had made of teachers from other cities.

"If I had the power," be said, "I would remove every one of your up-State teachers. Certainly there is enough intelligence in New York to furnish all the teachers we need without going outside for them."

President Hubbell then went back to the subject of the Mayor, "power of removal.

"I will not tell you what I am going to do," said the Mayor, "but I will 'ell you this nuch! If find that I have the power to remove you I

I will not ten you want I will vell you this much; I find that I have the power to remove you I i io it, if for no other reason than that you not out of town for teachers, it will be a uree of regret to me if I and that I haven't e power to remove you."

POLICE BOARD MOVES SERGEANTS.

trooklyn Blueconts to Be Tried There-Chief No Longer Appoints Boundamen.

The Police Board rested on its ours yesterday

Beyond directing that the annexed Queens county villages be connected with Mulberry street by wire without delay, it took no official action. McCullagh is still acting Chief, in spite of confident predictions that he would speedily drop the disagreeable prefix and be come full Chief. That he has the inside track in the race, if, indeed, there is a race, few doubt, but fewer still feel called upon to predict when he will be appointed. The new board has its own way of doing business, that is as far as possible from the way of the old. The Commissioners gather in President York's room on the third floor and smoke together for half or three-quarters of an hour-they are all great smokers-and then word comes out that the chief clerk and the stenographer are wanted. By and by they come out with a very brief tale of what was done, leaving a very general impression that the half was not told. And that is all there is of it. The board has not yet appointed even its standing committees, without which business could never before go on. It sits, as it were, in committee of the whole every day, considering yet only the large as pects of its case, without bothering itself with routine, of which, happily, there is very little. the old board having cleared the deck effectual-ly. But it is all the while accumulating.

Yesterday a temporary committee on licens materialized. It consists of Commissioners Hamilton and Sexton. The board is charged with the duty of granting licenses to theatres. oncert halls, and entertainments of every kind. The committee is to ascertain just what the board has to do. It is simple enough. The

kind. The committee is to ascertain just what the board has to do. It is simple enough. The application, say, of a concert hall at Ridgewood, is made at Headquarters, is referred to the Captain of the pecinic, passed back by the Insucetor, and granted or refused by the board on the facts shown. A clerk can manage it all outside the board room. Probably in the end there will be abureau and rumor already mentions Sergeant Frank Mangin as the man to have charge of it.

There was some uneasiness in Mulberry street as to the result when the Brooklyn polleemen who need disciplining came over to be tried at Headquarters. The trial room on the top floor is barely large enough to hold the Manhattan cops; more would crowd it to the point of necessitating two trial days. Prosident York settled the matter in his own way vesterday by stopping at the Brooklyn Headquarters on the way over and there trying a policeman charged with clubbing. The matter proved too much for one session, and he adjourned it to another day. When he reached Mulberry street he announced that Brooklyn trials would be held in Brooklyn as before, by a Commissioner sitting there. The policemen of Richmond and Queens and of the Bronx will be disciplined in Mulberry street. To-morrow the whole board will sit in Mulberry street in hess things, try cases.

The Chief sent Inspector Brooks to Staten

The following appointments to office under the city Government were made yesterday by Mayor Van Wyck:

Secretary to the Municipal Civil Service Commission, Lee Phillips.

Justices of the Municipal Court for Brooklyn, Cornelius Flynn and Adolph H. Goetting.

City Magistrate for the second division, Matthew J. Smith.

Justices of the Court of Special Sessions for the second division (Brooklyn, Queens, and Richmond), John L. Devenny, Edward J. Forker, and Thomas W. Fitzgerald.

Heads of departments made these appointments:

Auditor of Accounts for Brooklyn, William McKinney.

Deputy Comprisioner for Rueens, James H. Tully.

Deputy Fire Commissioner of Rooklyn, William McKinney.

Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears of Hickmond, George Hrand.

Lighting and Supplies, Ceorge E. Hest.

Deputy Commissioner of Sewers for Brooklyn, John E. Backus.

Biperintendent of Docks, William O'B. Walker.

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first step to put a man in line of promotion; for Sergeants, under section 282, must be still "selected from among patrolmen assigned to duty as roundsmen, as provided in section 294," quoted above.

The word permanent first put the idea into the heads of the police that the rank had been put on the same basis as all above it, so that a roundsman could no more be reduced than a Sergeant or a Captain. This illusion has been dispelled, and, in place of it, has come uneasiness lest the effect of the provision may be just the opposite. The timid fear that the language of the charter that "permanent assignments of patrolmen to duty as roundsmen shall be made by the Police Board on the recommendation of the Chief" puts it in the power of the board to cause the reduction of the whole 200 and their reappointment in conformity with the charter, and that the board will not be slow to take advantage of it. In any event, it is argued that no roundsman not selected for that duty "as provided in section 294" can be promuted to the rank of Sergeant. It is a very fine point, but there are many of that kind.

One, which has received mere passing attention as yet, is likely soon to be made. It concerns the uniform of the park policemen. That body in Brooklyn, as in New York, has in the consolidation been made an integral part of the city's police force, occupying precisely the position which the Sanitary Corps does under the orders of the Health Board. Unon request of the Commissioners of Parks, says the charter, the Police Board shall, from time to time, detail to service in the Park Department as many men as in their, he Police Commissioners', judgment, are needed to keep order. As long as they are so detailed they shall constitute the park police. The Police Board has the power of disciplining, them. At any time the board can recall them, and if they do not suit the particular Park Commissioners who needs them, they may be changed. The Police Board has all the say concerning them, except in the matter of their daily duty. The

ROOFLESS CITY OFFICERS. linking Fund Will Have to Bustle to Shelter the

William Dalton, the Commissioner of Water supply, is still without an office. He has estab ished temporary quarters in the office of Chief Engineer Birdsall of the Croton Aqueduct in the Tract Society building, but the office is so small that the employees who are stationed there have scarcely room to turn around. Yesterday Mr. Dalton wished to have a conference with Mr. Birdsall. They hunted in vain for a corner where they would not be disturbed. Finally they went out into the hall and, leaning against the wall, they talked for an hour. One of the first problems which the Sinking

Fund must tackle is providing offices for the new departments. The Commissioner of Bridges still has a small den in the Stewart building. which he occupies by the courtesy of Comp-troller Coler. President Holahan of the Board of Public Improvements makes his hat answer for an office. His is one of the most important departments in the city, and, big as the hat is, more roomy quarters will be required for the filing of maps and plans and for the accommo-dation of a large corps of engineers and draughtsmen. President Holahan announced

to the board yesterday that he had picked out quarters on the eleventh floor of the New York Life building, and he was authorized to request the Sinking Fund to leasn them.

President A. W. Peters of the berough of Manhattan is wandering around without an official roof to shelter his head. The Board of Aldermen has set saide three rooms on the first floor of the City Hall for him and the Borough Board, but he cannot take them until the action of the Aldermen is approved by the Council.

Dr. John T. Nagle, Chief of the Barcau of Municipal Statistica, went to the City Hall yesterday carrying a great bundle of unopened letters and official documents to plead with the Mayor for a place in which to transact the business of his department. The Mayor could not help him, and he went away saying that he would open an office temporarily in the downtown branch of the Press Club.

President Bowley, of the Borough of Queous, told the Board of ubile Improvements yesterday morning that he had no office, that ex-Mayor Gleuson of Long Island City would not let him take possession of the City Hall there until he could produce a certified order from the Board of Public Improvements. A resolution was then passed turning over the building to Mr. Bowley and he got a certified copy of it.

"There," he said, "We'll see if Gleason will give up now."

WILSON OPPONES CONSOLIDATION Does Not Want His Pest Office Absorbed by the One on Brendway.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Postmaster Wilson of Brooklyn came to Washington to-day to attend to some routine matters in connection with his office. While at the Post Office Department be took occasion to outline pretty fully and carefully his position in regard to the project of consolidating his office with that of New York, The original plan contemplated the consol dation of all the offices in the Greater New York. This cannot be done, however, without the consent of Congress, and the Post Office Department decided some time ago not to bring up the matter for Congressional action. Without being assured of the support of the people of Brooklyn, Mr. Wilson has stated his position to be in opposition to the plan, so far as it includes the absorption of Brooklyn by the New

York office. It was pointed out that Congress would very likely provide that the Assistant Postmaster of New York, the place which was to be provided for the Postmaster of Brooklyn, should be appointed by the President in the same manner as a Postmaster. This would mean that Mr. Wil-son would be shorn of his authority as an inde-pendent Postmaster, and also run a chance of

son would be shorn of his authority as an independent Postmaster, and also run a chance of having his salary cut down.

Mr. Wilson informed the department to-day in an unofficial manner that he was opposed to any change in the present system which would include the abolition of the separate office in Brooklyn. He admitted that some changes ought to be made for the betterment of the service, and was agreeable to the proposition that all the offices of the New York side of East River should be attached to the New York office, and all those on the Brooklyn side should be consolidated with the Brooklyn office. The department has had this plan under serious consideration, and has practically adopted it.

It was expected that the matter would be arranged so that the consolidation of the Post Offices could be effected at the same time as the consolidation of the cities. Mr. Wilson admitted that something ought to be done as soon as possible, and in the absence of better arrangements the department will probably accept the modified plan.

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Postmaster-General Gary does not desire to antagonize the wishes of the residents of Brooklyn, and the entire matter is now practically in his hands. The data are all prepared, and as soon as the plan is agreed upon the whole matter can be settled.

NEW CITY'S FOLUNTEER FIREMEN. missioner Scannell Lays Down the Lay for Jamaica and Other Borderlands.

Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell received vesterday a letter from J. Distler, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Jamaica village, asking for information as to the standing of the Jamaica department. Chief Distler Who now governs our department! asked: Are we to continue to perform fire duty? Who will discharge the men whose terms are about expired and who will give them their certificates? When will we get a New York fire badget Who will furnish us with supplies and do our repairing! Under our village charter the firemen meet and elect the board of officers, subject to the approval of the Village Trustees. The time for such election is at hand, and the firemen are anxious to know how they shall proceed-whether they shall go ahead as heretofore, or whether the officers are to be appointed

In the village department there were sever engine companies, two truck companies, and five hose companies, and 200 active members who did fire service in the volunteer department. In the whole township of Jamuica, which includes several villages, there are twenty-six fire companies and a membership of 750 men.

Commissioner Scannell sent a reply, saying that under section 722 of the charter until the paid Fire Department is extended to the territory recently annexed the volunteer companies shall continue to discharge the duties for which they were associated or incorporated, and receive from the city of New York such sums of money as were awarded them by the villages.

The Commissioner requested Chief Distler to forward a list of his men, with the amount of compensation they had received prior to Jan. 1, engine companies, two truck companies, and

compensation they had received prior to Jan. 1, and to have the men proceed with the election of officers, as previously carried out.

Commissioner Scannell yesterday detailed Battalion Chief John Shea of the Tenth Battalion to act as Superintendent of Stables, and abolished the office of Deputy Superintendent of Stables, thus throwing Edward R. Tello out of a \$1,500 job. Foreman John Barry of Truck 22 was ordered to act as Chief of Battalion in place of Mr. Shea.

SHEEHAN VISITS CROKER.

Mr. Croker Declines to Toll What the Visit Was About.

John C. Sheehan, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of Tammany Hall, who was ignored in the distribution of patronage, was one of the men who called on Richard Croker at his office. 111 Broadway, yesterday. Mr. Sheehan called on Mayor Van Wyck on Monday, to pay his respects, he said. Why he went to see Mr. Croker was not learned. Mr. Croker, who spent the evening at his new headquarters in the Democratic Club, refused to say anything about the matter.

COLORED DEMOCRATS TO CROKER t Seems He Has Appointed a Chieftain of the Colored Democracy. Yesterday morning's mail contained the fol-

owing letter addressed to the Hon. Richard "We have the honor to inform you that the "We have the honor to inform you that the Executive Committee of the United Colored Democracy Organization have to-night unant-mously accepted Mr. Edward Lee, your selection, as crief of the United Colored Democracy Organization of Greater New York.

"Assuring you of our high esteem and consideration we have the honor, sir, to subscribe ourselves,

"Henry H. Anderson, President,

"John C. Johnson, Chairman Ex. Com."

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. Seventeen Assessors Receive Notice of Remova by Mayor Van Wyck.

Most of the new official rulers in the borough of Brooklyn were in their places yesterday and there was but little friction in the transactio of the public business. To-day and to-morrow most of the places of the Republican subord nates who are to be decapitated will be filled and then the new regime will be in full workin order. Hugh McLaughlin and his chief lieuten ants spent a very busy day at the Willoughby street headquarters in the distribution of the

ninor patronage. The seventeen Brooklyn Assessors were sur prized yesterday morning when each received a note from Mayor Van Wyck notifying them of their immediate removal, "the best interests" so requiring.

Deputy Fire Commissioner James H. Tully, in addition to caring for the borough of Brooklyn is also to take temporary charge of the borough of Queens, by direction of Commissioner Scan

Former Deputy Comptroller Rowe came over to New York yesterday and turned over the funds and papers of the office to City Chamber-lain Keenan. The funds included \$9,933,334.17 general fund, \$288.941.15 sinking fund, and \$1,050 special fund.

Frushtont Grout has called a meeting of the seven local Boards of Public Improvements in the old Common Council Chamber at 4 P. M. to-day.

It has been arranged that Police Commissioner It has been arranged that Police Commissional Philips will preside at the regular police trials each week in Brooklyn.

It is understood that the slate for the fourteen deputy Tax Commissioners allowed to the Brooklyn organization is likely to be as follows: Clinton De Witt, Michael Ryan, Robert L. Howe, Edward Glinnen, Henry Hesterberg, George H. Lindsey, John Ennis, J. J. Cronis, John S. Collins, John A. Clany, Robert T. Brown, Tahn M. Rankin, James F. Quigley, and John McNaware.

The Brooklyn Board of Education met last evening and trainsacted routine business. The plans for the new Erasmus High School building were accepted and approved. The resignation of James H. Tully, assistant Secretary, was accepted; his successor was not chosen. Mr. Tully is the newly appointed Deputy Fire Commissioner for the Brooklyn Borough.

The board adjourned to Jan. 28, when its final meeting will be held. The board will become a borough institution on Feb. 1. It will meet Feb. 9 to reorganize and elect five members to represent the borough in the city Board of Education.

represent the members will have to resign at the next meeting, having been appointed to lucrative offices by Mayor Van Wyck. They are Dr. Robert A. Black, Sanitary Superintendent for Brooklyn; James J. Kirwin, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections, and James B. Bouck, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The Berough Board Meets in Mayor Glease

The first meeting of the Borough Board of Queens was held yesterday afternoon. The board took possession of the office in the City Hall at Long Island City formerly occupied by Mayor Gleason. No one offered any objection. President Bowley seated himself at the former Mayor's deak and called the meeting to order. Besides the President those in attend ance were Alderman Joseph Geiser and Conn cilman David L. Van Nostrand. The absentees were Councilman Joseph Cassidy and Alder man William T. James.

President Bowley announced the appoint ment of Joseph Feisel, formerly deputy treas urer of Long Island City, as secretary, and Mr Feisel proceeded to call the roll. President announced that the meeting was only a preliminary one. Secretary Feisel read a reslution authorizing the Secretary to prepare list of supplies needed by the board and to make requisition on the Commissioner of Supplies.

list of supplies needed by the board and to make a requisition on the Commissioner of Supplies. Alderman Geiser offered a resolution requiring the President to obtain a certified copy of the tax levy passed by the Long Island City Board of Aldermen shortly before midnight of Dec. 31. The resolution was adopted. It was stated that the tax levy would be acted upon by Mayor Van Wyek. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

The City Hall building continued yesterday in the charge of a detachment of police under Inspector Thompson. A policeman was stationed in each department. Experts, detailed for the purpose, were going over the records and assembling them in the Treasurer's office. It was reported yesterday afternoon that Prosident Howley had visited the New York City Hall and from the proper authorities had secured a written order to serve upon former Mayor Gleason demanding full possession of the Long Island City Hall. Former Mayor Gleason said last night that he had not been served with any such order.

"The City Hall," said the Mayor, "belongs to New York city. I am custodian of certain records and must, under the terms of the new charter, remain in possession of them until they pass into the hands of the persons designated by law to receive them."

Accountant O. L. Shipman served upon City Trensurer Knapp yesterday an order directing Mr. Knapp to turn over to him all the cash on hand on Jan. 1 and all books and records that belong to the Compitolier. The order was signed by Comptroller Coler, Mr. Shipman said that the order d'd not remove Mr. Knapp from office and under the charter Mr. Knapp from office and under the charter Mr. Knapp mould continue to receive all moneys coming into the department.

Policemen were placed in charge of the office of the General Improvement Commission in Long Island City yesterday.

Corporation Counsel Thomas P. Burke of that city received written notice of his removal from office yesterday by Mayor Van Wyek.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Coroners Settle in 166th Street-Haffen Will Probably Keep Engineer Rise.

The Coroners of the borough of the Bronx have settled temporarily in Washington Hall, 761 East 166th street. They are Anthony Mc-Owen of 515 Wales avenue and Thomas M. Lynch of High Bridge road, near Jerome avenue Their physicians are Drs. James E. Geary of 370 Willis avenue and John Riegelman of 852 East 161st street. The chief clerk of the office is Owen W. Flannagan, and his assistants are

is Owen W. Flannagan, and his assistants are Charles E. Douglas and Louis F. Scofield. Partoliman John Beller of the Morrisania station has been detailed for duty at the office. Provision has not yet been made for salaries and expenses of the office.

At the Municipal building, 177th street and Third avenue, things are gradually working into shape, but there are many appointments to be made. There are 200 foremen and workmen on sewers and highways who are on the anxious seat. The probabilities are that all will continue their duties under the borough management. It is also likely that Louis A. Risse, Chief Engineer of the Department of Street Improvements, will be put at the head of the topographical bureau in the borough.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

is Affairs at a Standstill Because of the Con test Over the Presidency.

The affairs of Richmond borough are practi cally at a standstill, and little is being done by the local officials, owing to the uncertainty as to who is President of the borough. The fight between Dr. Feeny and George Cromwell has gone to the Court of Appeals, and it is thought that it will be reached on Jan. 10, when it is likely that nothing more will be done with it than to set a day for the hearing of the argu ment.

As yet no meeting of the Borough Board has been called, and it is understood that none will be called until the dispute over the head of the body is reached, unless very important matters demand attention. None of the newly ap pointed officials has as yet taken up the activ work connected with his position. This leth-argy is due somewhat to the fact that no offices have been provided for the officials. It is ex-pected that the old Edgewater Village Hall in Stapleton will be enlarged and used as a bor-ough headquarters, but the building is still in possession of the old officials, who are winding but their affairs.

Stapleton will be enlarged and used as a borough headquarters, but the building is still in possession of the old officials, who are winning up their affairs.

Inspector Brooks went down to the island in a cab yesterday and inspected the squads at the Second precinct in West Brighton and at Headquarters in Stapleton. He expressed himself as pleased at the appearance of the men. Roundsman Boyle went with Inspector Brooks, and was assigned to desk duty at Headquarters. His transfer is believed to be only temporary, and made to assist the police pending the investigation of the legality of the recent appointments to the force. On Monday night Capt. Blake was notified of the suspension of Sergeants Hugh Canlon, Stephen Hannon, and Joseph Cook: Roundsmen James Devlin and John Smith; Patrolmen Thomas Buske, and William Schnelser. Yesterday the doormen, Frank Vorsatz and George Clark, were also suspended. The men were all promoted or appointed on Thursday by the old Hoard of Commissioners. It is contended that they cannot leadily hold their places, as they were not commissioned 100 days prior to consolidation. It is understood that should the effort be made to reduce them they will make a fight in the courts. It was reported yesterday by one of the local used to the right of the Legislature to remove them from office. Some of the Justices terms began at the first of the year, and it is asserted by them that their office cannot be abolished under the Constitution. Yesterday morning Justice Charles Walters, Jr., of Stapleton, was appointed Acting Police Justice in place of Charles J. Kullmann, who went to Albany to assume his duties as Assemblyman.

JUSTICE DAVENPORT HOLDS ON. He Agatu Turns Up for Duty at the Eleventh District Municipal Court.

The Eleventh District Municipal Court was served by two Justices yesterday. Justice Worcester was the first to arrive, and when Justice Davenport, who claims to be a holdover until Feb. 1, came he fo nd the newly elected Justice already in the private room. Justice Davenport remarked that Justice W rees ter seemed to have a little the better of the dispute on Thursday. Justice Worcester respond ed that he hoped to continue the advantage While the Justices were chatting in their chamber the Davenport faction were represented in court by Chief Cicrk Du Mahaut, three attendants, a stenographer, and a typewriter Thus fa. Justice Worcester had not appointed any staff of clerks.

The clerk announced that it was time to open The clerk announced that it was time to open the court and both Justices started quicily for the court room, but as they reached the door Justice Davenport sprang forward into the lead, ran to the bench, and secured a seat in the Justice schair. On Monday Justice Worcester secured the official seat and Justice Davenport had to scurry around for an extra chair. Yesterday Justice Worcester had to hunt up the extra chair and seat himself beaide the former Justice. Justice Davenport was ahead also in ordering the clerk to call the court to order. Justice Worcester repeated the order. Justice Worcester reached for the calendar, but Justice Davenport seatured it.

There was only one case set down for trial—Brown vs. Wood, a landlord and tenant case—and both Justices called it, Davenport in the lead. The clerk and the crier re-echoed the

"We will adjourn the case—" said Worcester, "until Jaza. 10," interpolated Bavespert.

Both Justices were trying to adjourn the court when a man arose and announced: "I have been summoned to appear is court on Jan. 4, 1897. I "received the summons yesterday." "Then you are not regularly summoned: I will dismiss your case," said Worcester.

"My clorks twould not have forgotten that this is 1898. Your case is dismissed," said Justice Davenport, without any remarks as to date. Worcester beld the lead in announcing the adjournment of the court until 9:30 o'dlock to-day. Justice Davenport repeated the hour of adjournment without altering the time, and both Justices marched out, leaving the room in possession of Justice Davenport's clerks.

NO LONGER MAYOR'S BUOTBLACK Black Joo's Office Is Abolished and His Hands Are Balsed to Heaven.

The office of Joe, the bootblack, who was official shoe cleaner in the Mayor's office, was abolished yesterday. The edict was issued by the Mayor himself, who ordered Roundsman Mahr to inform Joe that he could not shine shoes in the Mayor's office or in any subdivision When Mahr broke the news to Joe, Joe turned

as nearly white as is possible to a black boot-black. Then he went out into the corridor and raised his voice in lamentation. He declared hat be had lost his faith in humanity, and that he no longer believed that there was gratitude in the world. He said frankly that he was 'sore" on Tammany and he didn't care whether Mr. Van Wyck knew it or not. whether Mr. Van Wyck knew it or not. Later in the day he established his headquarters in the main corridor. Business was very good and Joe brightened up a bit. He summoned three other boothiseks from the neighboring buildings, and after a long conference decided to make formal application to the Mayor for relinatatement. A petition, asking that the office of shoe cleaner to the Mayor be recreated, and that Joe have the job, was signed by nearly every one about the building. Joe was confident last night that he would have his old place again before the week is over.

He has cleaned shoes in the City Hall for more than a dozen years, and nearly every politician in the city knows him. During Col. Strong's administration Joe's business fell off to that degree that he was moved to remark that reformers were no good, because they had their shoes shined only twice a week. He used to go about the building with his box slung over his shoulder sighing for the return to power of Tammany Hall, many of whose followers, he said, had their shoes shined twice a day, During the campaign Joe shouted loudly for Van Wyck.

SHEA BUSY ON THE BRIDGE. Thinks He Can Do Away with Danger free

John L. Shea, the Commissioner of Bridges, made an inspection of the New York and Brook-lyn Bridge yesterday. He was accompanied by Mr. Shea said he had no doubt that all danger arising to pedestrians from the trolley loop on the New York end, which crosses the footpath, could be done away with by the erection of raised platforms and additional statrcases. He aid he was going to tackle the problem at or

BRIDGE TROLLEY TRIAL TRIP. it Shows That Brooklyn Trelley Passengers Wil Saye About Five Minutes.

The first passenger trolley car to cross the Brooklyn Bridge was Flatbush avenue car 1129 of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad. It was sent over by President Rossiter yesterday afternoon in order to ascertain the exact time required to cross the bridge and the time points for the motormen to run the cars on. President Rossiter left the Brooklyn end of the bridge at Sands street with Deputy Bridge Commissioner Beam and several other persons at 3:12 P. M., and the trip over was made in 616 minutes.

As the loops are not finished, the car returned As the loops are not finished, the car returned on the same track, against the vehicle traffic, and made the return trip to Brooklyn in a little less than six minutes, making faster time than the bridge cable cars which left the end of the bridge about the same time. While there seemed to be an unusual number of trucks, carriages, and bicycles on the bridge, there was not the slightest trouble cither on the trip going toward New York, with traffic moving in the same direction, or on the return t.lp, when the vehicle traffic was moving in the opposite direction, which will not be the case in the ordinary operation of the cars.

The speed was really considerably greater than will be made under ordinary conditions, as the t ip was more to secure definite information as to just what could be done than with any other purpose in view.

The entire time consumed in making the trip from cither end of the bridge to the opposite side of the river in ectual practice will not be much, if any, greater than is now consumed by a passenger in leaving one of the cars of the Brooklyn Heights Company on Fulton street, walking across the plazs, and climbing the stairs on the Brooklyn end to the bridge trains, so that instead of taking longer for the trip than by the present cable system, it can be safely said at least five minutes will be saved on the average trip. on the same track, against the vehicle traffic

NAUGHT GETS BY THESE REPORTERS They're from the City's Border and They Are Mighty at Telephoning.

The present city Government has introduced new brand of reporters to Manhattan Island. They are the representatives of the journals which thrive in the small outlying towns of the Borough of Queens, who have been assigned to "cover the City Hall." They began to arrive on New Year's Day, and they are coming yet. There were at least a dozen of them on hand yesterday, and they all displayed a strong thirst for news. Everything was news to them. and the amount of copy they turned out was simply appalling. Not satisfied with gathering all the news in the City Hall, and the immediate vicinity, several of them un dertook to "cover" Police Headquarters and the Fire Department, which is in East Sixty seventh street. They did this, they said, be cause it was customary in the towns in which they lived for one man to get all the news it

Not being able to go to Mulberry street or Fire Not being able to go to Mulberry street or Fire Headquarters on foot, the suburban reporters resorted to the telephone, and all day long at intervals of thirty minutes they kept calling up the operators in those departments and asking them if there was any news.

The telephone which they used in the City Hall is paid for by Contractor Brady, who has the job of remodelling the interior of the building. The chances are that he will show signs of atrong emotion when he gets his bill for this month. Police Headquarters and the Fire Department were not the only places which the reporters called up. Every time an appointment was made by the Mayor or a place holder came to the City Hall to take the oath of office at least four newspaper offices in the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn were immediately informed of the fact at Mr. Brady's expense. The messages cost him from 15 to 25 cents each.

When Mr. Brady heard of it be threw up both hands. Then he detailed a man whose pay is \$3 a day to watch the telephone. He instructed him not to allow any men to use the instrument for out-of town messages. The foreign reporters raised the point that their offices were not out of town any more, but the guardian of the telephone was obdurate. Then they took to using the telephone in the Mayor's office.

One of these reporters accosted James P. Keating yestorday.

"Are you the Commissioner of Highways tor the entire city or only for the borough of, Manhattan i' he asked.

"I don't know, sir," replied Mr. Keating, politicly. The reporter went away in a brown study. Meeting one of his companions he told him of the conversation.

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study. Meeting one of his companions he told him of the conversation.

"Gee' that's a mighty good story," remarked the listener. "We must send it out right away." And they repaired to Mr. Brady's telephone to send the news to their papers.

Mergue Meeper Barry Lasted One Day. William J. Barry, whose appointment as Morgue Keeper was one of the last acts of the old Board of Charities, was deposed on Monday by Commissioner Keller, who says that his ap-pointment was illegally made. Barry had held the office just one day. He has put the case in the hands of his lawyer and will make a fight for reinstatement. John Fane has been ap-pointed acting Morgue Keeper.

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ployed as a substitute for shot, but Dowd's em player, Joseph Butler, adopted it after mature onsideration, though he did not expect to shoot one of his own employees with it.

Butler has a hat shop at Northfield, seven les from here, over the Second Mountain. It is in Livingston township, and the only inhab itants of the place besides the farmers are th hatters employed by Butler. He keeps a "buckeye" shop. The peculiarity of a "buckeye" is that he prefers a barn as a sleeping place. If he can't find a barn he will take a bench in th hat shop. Butler is also a chicken fancier, and his honnery contains a number of rare fowle For two weeks the hennery has been visited regularly every night, and with the departure of the visitors went some of the fowls, until Mr. Butler feared that his bennery would be de populated.

Yesterday he fixed up his rapid salt-firing gun. It was a big double-barrelled shotgur loaded to the muzzle. First he put in som powder, then a wad, and then a liberal supply o salt, which he rammed down hard. Having salt, which he rammed down hard. Having arranged the load, Butler put the gun about five feet from the hennery door, mounting it on a couple of sawhorses. To the trigger he fastened a string, and this string was passed over a pulley at the roof of the building and its other end was tied to the door, so that when the door should be opened the trigger would be pulled and the charge of salt would greet the intrudor.

Intrudor.

Having arranged the gun, Butler went away for the evening without saying anything about his scheme to the employees of the shop or even his family. The hennery door was left just a triffe ajar and this was noticed by Dowd about 11 o'clock. With the purpose of protecting his employer's possessions, Dowd went out from the hat sbop, where he had planned to sleep, and went down into the yard. Having heard Mr. Butler speak of the chicken thieves he thought perhaps one was in the coop at the time and de-

went down into the yard. Having heard Mr. Butler speak of the chicken thieves he thought perhaps one was in the coop at the time and determined to try to nab him. Opening the door quickly in order to surprise the thief, Dowd was astounded at a loud report and still further surprised at a stinging sensation in his hand. Howling with pain he ran to the house. Butler had not returned and no one knew what the trouble was, but lowd had a terrible pain all through his hand and it was black and white in spots and cut up, and in every cut there was a small, hard particle.

When Butler got home half an hour later he was quick to make amends, but it was too late to drive to Orange, and the best that could be lone was for Mrs. Butler to alleviate the pain as best she could with cooling poultices. This morning Butler drove to this city and took Dowd to the Memorial Hospital, where a doctor worked for an hour picking out the particles of salt. The pain, even after the salt was removed, was so intense that Dowd wanted to stay at the hospital, but the institution was so full that there wasn't an empty bed in the place and he had to go back to Butler's house.

Butler says the next time he tries to catch chicken thieres he will tell his employees and family of the methods he has adopted. Dowd is afraid that he will catch cold in his hand and that some complications will ense.

TENNEY CANDY CO. ROBBED. ver \$1,500 Worth of Candy Stolen-An Em ployee Caught in the Act.

Mamie Wagner, employed as a packer by the Tenney Candy Company, at 447 West Fourteenth street, was arrested yesterday on com-plaint of David King, superintendent of the oncern. He charged her with stealing a box of candy valued at 80 cents and a jacket belong ing to one of the other girls employed in the factory.

On Dec. 18 Mr. King reported to the police of the West Twentieth street station that his firm had lost by theft in the previous six months be tween \$1,500 and \$2,000 worth of candy. He was positive that some of the 150 girls employed did the stealing, because they were almost the only ones having any opportunity to do so. Every now and then cloaks belonging to the girls disappeared from the cloak room, to which only the girls had access, so that it was evident that there was a thief smong them.

Detectives Hunt and Schumm were sent to the factory to investigate. They had the superintendent select one of the girls as a spy. They bored holes through the walls of a little room adjoining both the cloakroom and the workroom so that she could see what was going on in both. The spy was told to go in there and keep her eyes open. Nothing come of the scheme until last night when the girls out work. The spy saw Mamie Wagner put on a jacket belonging to another girl and slip a box of candy under it. did the stealing, because they were almost the

When Mamie started to go she was told that the superintendent wanted to see her. While she waited in his room detectives were telephoned for. They went to the factory and put the girl under arrest. The candy was found under the jacket. She admitted that she had been stealing candy for several months, but said that she took the jacket because some one had taken hers. She was locked up at the West Thirtieth street statton. She is 21 wars old said. Thirtieth street station. She is 21 years old and lives at 100 Essex street, Jersey City.

MAN WITH THE GROWING NOSE. Poctor Testifies That Scher Has Shinoscles

In the trial of the action of Israel Scher to recover \$50,000 for personal injuries from the Metropolitan Street Railway Company there was some medical evidence yesterday before Justice Giegerich of the Supreme Court about the strange development of the nose of the plaintiff. Dr. Aethur Flachman, who attended the plaintiff soon after he was injured by a Broadway car at soon after he was injured by a Broadway car at Prince street Dec. 13, 1894, testified that he found him bleeding from the mouth and nose and suffering apparently from concussion of the brain. Scher's nose is now about three times as large as it was then. Aside from his injuries, the witness said, the plaintiff is suffering from a disease of the nose. known as thinoseleroma or hardening nose. The physician said that the disease is hardly known on this continent. It was first met with in Russia and Austria, and is rarely found outside of those countries. The disease makes the nose look like a lobster unboiled.

The case was not concluded.

HE HAD TOO MANY WATCHES. Ex-Convict Lang Said He Bought Them for Export, but He Is Convicted.

John Lang, alias "Joker," was convicted yesterday of being a party to the theft of \$20,000 worth of watches from the home of William Me Conville, over his store at 372 Broad street, Newark. The robbery occurred on May 5, 1897, and ark. The robbery occurred on May 5, 1897, and Lang, who was seen loitering around the place and helping another man away with a heavy satchel on that day, was arrested and has been locked un ever since. He is an ex-convict, and the police have been in the habit of arresting him every time anything in his line of work occurred in Newark, so the public hardly expected to hear of his conviction this time.

McConville's reason for having so many watches in his possession at once was that he purchased all the stem-winding watches he could get cheaply in this country and sold them abroad at a handsome profit.

Former Postmaster O'Farrell Leaves the Penttentiary.

Edward O'Farrell, the former Postmaster of Bayonne, N. J., was released on Monday from the Essex County Penitentiary at Caldwell. He will go to work at his trade as a boilermaker in Brooklyn within a few days. Mr. O'Farrell was Brooklyn within a tew days. Mr. O'Farrell was imprisoned because of a shortago in his accounts. The deficit was the second occasioned by him, and he was arrested for embezzlement. He was sentenced to one year simprisonment and a fine. The fine was remitted. While the delinquent Postmaster was serving his sentence his bondsmen paid the Federal Government the amount of his deficit. His family was reduced to straitened circumstances, and several months ago made homeless by fire.

To Place a Memorial Tablet Over the Post

Office Clock. A committee from Martha Washington Colonial Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution waited upon Postmaster Van Can Revolution waited upon Postmaster Van Cott yesterday to arrange for the erection of a tablet in honor of a number of patriots who are said to have met their death on the site of the General Post Office building during the Revolutionary war. The committee was escorted through the building, and decided to place the tablet over the clock facing the south entrance on the ground floor.

A Woman Killed by Gas.

Margaret Lambert of 260 First avenue was found dead in her room yesterday morning by her son James. She had been accidentally as-physiated by illuminating gas. There was a small gas store in the room, and a leak in the tube allowed the gas to escape.

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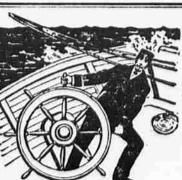
FLINT'S FINE FURNITURE.

Exquisite designs just finished are now at half cost of manufacture.

45 West 23d St. LEG BROKEN IN A TROLLEY CRASH. Two Car Loads of Passengers Shaken Up in a Collision in Jersey City.

Two trolley cars, one on the Greenville line running up Grand street, Jersey City, and the other on the Pacific avenue line turning into other on the Pacific avenue line turning into Grand from Van Vorst street, crashed together at 4:30 P. M. vesterday. William Murray, 14 years old, a telegraph messenger who was standing on the platform of the Pacific avenue car, was thrown heavily to the pavement and his right leg was broken.

He was taken to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Mary R illy, 171 Grand street. Both cars were filled with passengers and they were pretty thoroughly shaken up and frightened.



The storms and winds of trouble and sickness assail the mariner on life's seas. He must be clear-headed and strong-bodied if he would successfully combat them. The man who works with his hands, and the man who works with his brains, must have a healthful, wholesome body, or he will fail. A blacksmith can't do good work if he is weak and sick from impure blood, poor digestion and weak lungs. The lawyer cannot strongly plead his client's cause if the brain is full of impurities and his client's cause if the brain is full of impurities and his

ities and his nerves are racked by sleeplessness and unrest.
Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a money maker because it puts body and brain in perfect trim for work. It makes stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys do their proper work. It helps the food to digest and supplies blood and nerves and brain with just the material each needs. Weak and nervous men and women become strong and vigorous with its use. For thirty years it has been recognized as the best of all tonics and

blood makers. Nine-tenths of all the ills that human flesh is hell to are due to constipation. If people never became constipated, or promptly relieved that constipation by a resort to the right remedy, the doctors would starve to death. Headache, heartburn, sour stomach, bilionsness and a thousand other ills are due to constipation, and constipation is promptly and permanently cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two a mild cathartic. They never gripe and do not get you up at might bruggists sell them. Nothing cise is "see good."